WHEREAS, Agriculture is the basic industry in South Dakota, providing either the market or the raw material for almost the entire economy of the State; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota can prosper only as its basic industry has the purchasing power to absorb the goods and services needed; and,

WHEREAS, Cooperatives are a basic part of our American private enterprise system which helps individual farmers retain their identity and strength; and,

WHEREAS, Cooperatives have made a substantial contribution to the development of a progressive agricultural economy in South Dakota by providing the means by which farmers can increase their bargaining power and achieve economic recognition in the market place; and,

WHEREAS, Cooperatives have not only benefited the agricultural industry, but the general public as well-by placing priority on people, making them a vigorous part of the American business system:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1979, as

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in South Dakota, and urge an understanding and recognition of the achievements and services of Cooperatives in our State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Scuth Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Eighth Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Mineteen Bundred and Seventy-Nine

WILLIAM J. JANGLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE SUNDERT, DECIMANT OF STATE